

**OPINION 1979 (Case 3086)*****Hyalinia villae adamii* Westerlund, 1886 (currently *Oxychilus adamii*; Mollusca, Gastropoda): specific name *adamii* conserved by the replacement of the syntypes with a neotype**

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous type fixations for the nominal species *Hyalinia adamii* Westerlund, 1886 are hereby set aside and specimen no. MZUF 13735 in the Museo Zoologico de 'La Specola', Sezione del Museo di Storia Naturale dell'Università di Firenze, Italy, collected in Val Seriana, Bergamo Province, is designated as the neotype.
- (2) The name *adamii* Westerlund, 1886, as published in the trinomen *Hyalinia villae adamii* and as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3086**

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Hyalinia adamii* Westerlund, 1886 by the replacement of the syntypes with a neotype was received from Dr G. Manganelli and Prof F. Giusti (*Università di Siena, Siena, Italy*) on 23 February 1998. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 57: 14–16 (March 2000). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

The case received (in litt., May 1998) the support of Dr Adolf Riedel (*Museum and Institute of Zoology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warszawa, Poland*) (para. 5 of the application).

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 March 2001 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 57: 15. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2001 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 14: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Brothers, Calder, Cogger, Eschmeyer, Kraus, Macpherson, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson

Negative votes — 7: Bouchet, Kerzhner, Lamas, Mahnert, Ng, Rosenberg and Štys.

No votes were received from Dupuis and Song.

Kerzhner commented: 'I see no serious threat to the stability of nomenclature if the provisions of the Code are followed in this case'. Ng commented: 'I sympathise with this case but I see no strong and convincing reason why the types of *Oxychilus adamii* (Westerlund, 1886) should be changed. Acceptance of the original synonymy of *O. adamii* with *O. mortilleti* (Pfeiffer, 1859) would not cause any major nomenclatural problems as far as I can see from the application, and a new name for the species

mistakenly called *adamii* should be established with a new type'. Rosenberg commented: 'In my view the specific name of *adamii* has not been used extensively enough to warrant conservation'. Štys commented: 'The Code should be followed in this case without any intervention by the Commission. I prefer that a new name be established for *Oxychilus adamii* auct'.

### Original references

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*adamii*, *Hyalinia villae*, Westerlund, 1886, *Fauna der in der paläarktischen Region ... lebenden Binnenconchylien*, part 1 (Fam. Testacellidae, Glandinidae, Vitrinidae and Leucochroidae), p. 48.